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HIGHEST IN YEARS

THE FLOOD OF LAST WEEK A RECORD BREAKER IN THIS PART OF THE STATE.

DAMAGE TO LOCAL PROPERTY

The high water of last Friday and Saturday "topped all notches" known to the oldest inhabitant. During the week the great masses of snow on the mountains, started by the influence of a spring-time sun, rushed downward to the already swollen streams, as a result of heavy rains of Friday afternoon placed the finishing touches on the flood and by midnight Friday night water was over the banks in the vicinity of the McKean county bridges. The streams first made their presence felt in the Marvin and Potato Creek valleys. Bradford district was next to suffer with it is claimed that the water reached a greater height than at the time of the memorable Johnstown flood, May 31, 1889.

Portions of 25 of Bradford's streets were inundated Friday and damages conservatively estimated at $15,000 was the result. The basement of the elegant Hotel Holley was filled, the water reaching the depth of a foot on the first floor. A charge of nitro-glycerine was used to break up an immense ice gorge which had formed at the Douglas mill pond and the relief was soon felt.

Reports from Pittsburg place the damage done by water at $1,250,000. All towns along the river suffered great property loss. From points in other states come stories of destruction by flood, however, but few lives are reported lost. Paterson, N. J., just recovering from the big fire, was flood swept and 600 families rendered homeless.

A Magnificent Gift.

Through the generosity of John W. Campbell a magnificent children's ward has been fitted up in one of the pleasantest rooms in the Kane Summit Hospital. A representative of the Republican was shown the ward yesterday afternoon and was surprised at the elegant manner in which the room had been furnished. There are a number of small iron beds of the latest design, while on the floor are several handsome rugs which add to the cheerfulness of the same. The walls and ceilings are resplendent in their beautiful tints. It is a ward that any hospital might well feel proud of and will be appreciated by all who have occasion to use it. Mr. Campbell has indeed done a generous act, one that reflects credit upon him as a worthy citizen of Kane.—Kane Republican.

Surprising Verdict.

Monday's Bradford Era contained the following Meadville dispatch dated March 3: "The jury in the Frank Woodard murder trial here reached a verdict at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon after being out 24 hours. They rendered a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree for which the prisoner can be sentenced to a term of 20 years in prison. Woodard did not change color when the verdict was announced although very happy. At last the three men who murdered Chief of Police McGrath of Titusville have met their just deserts. Frank Major and the unknown man are dead, and Woodard will be kept in solitary confinement. The verdict satisfies the people as a whole, though many wanted Woodard hanged.

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ANCIENT HISTORY.

Happenings in McKean County in Days of Old, Taken from the Files.

In response to several requests from patrons of the MINER, we commence this week the publication of items from the old files of this paper, and if this department meets with the approval of our readers it will be continued. The following articles are from the columns of the McKean Citizen of the year 1837. The Citizen at that time was edited by F. A. Allen, and later was called the McKean Miner.

We learn that the factory of the society of Free Will Baptists in Larrabee Bradford, of this county, is in process of building and will be completed in about three weeks. The carpenter work of the house, together with all the [illegible] is to be done by the Brethren generally.

We [illegible] from Tuesday [illegible] Apple [illegible] Bradford [illegible] Pa. [illegible] Bradford [illegible] Pa. [illegible] Bradford [illegible] Pa.

FINISH OF THE FIGHT BETWEEN THE MERRIMAC AND CUMBERLAND.

CHIPS

By Junius Henri Browne

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Not a word of reply did I get from [illegible] but he

[illegible] take it that I come from a good family, for we had all the advantages of wealth and education, and if I am now my fault that I am today a lonely outcast. I'm not blaming God or my dear old dad. It's all my fault. They can't know whether I'm living or dead, but I hope they have done grieving for me. I was a fool and worse. Now it's too late to talk of reconciliation. Cheap life has brought on consumption, and my days are numbered. It would only be going home to die, and I'd soon go to that here. I came over here for reckless adventure, and I'm going to-day it to the end. All I'm afraid of is that I shall be laid up the last three or four weeks of my life and die like a dog in his kennel instead of putting up a decent finish."

I asked Chips no impertinent questions, but I thought it out for myself. A rich man's son, Yale or Harvard, debts, reproofs, dishonorable affairs, disgrace and expulsion. That was probably the worst and only what has befallen many a young man. Chips might have done foolish things, mad things, dishonorable things, but he was not a criminal. He was above that. I didn't even try to deceive him as to his state of health. He was a doomed man and fully realized it. Words of cheer or sympathy would have been useless. Had he told me nothing I could have known from his reckless scouting that day that he wanted to die the death of a soldier instead of an invalid.

Another week passed, and twenty-five of us were sent to break through the Spanish lines and bring up more ammunition. Chips was looking gaunt and feeble, but he responded with alacrity. He realized the danger and perhaps intended to make it his last fight. It was entirely the fault of the Cuban colonel who commanded the detachment that we were led into a trap and the entire command made prisoners without having a chance to fire a gun. It was a neat stroke of business on the part of the Spanish, and they rejoiced over it for half an hour and then prepared to reap the fruits—that is, we were brought before a general who had no more feeling of mercy toward a rebel than for a rat in the gutter, and he proceeded to try us by court martial. He called [illegible] officer. "There was a state [illegible] slides [illegible] and it was discovered [illegible] A court martial was [illegible] to be [illegible] and was [illegible] by both sides.

HORSES OF VENICE.

Actual [illegible] the Number

INSOMNIA

[illegible] from using CASCARETS for

CANDY CATHARTIC

Cascarets

TRADE MARK REGISTERED

REGULATE THE LIVER

[illegible] CURE CONSTIPATION.

[illegible] CURE [illegible]

Feeney's is the Place

to buy a nice, sweet piece of

Fresh, Salt or Smoked

MEAT

[illegible]

J. F. FEENEY Smethport, Pa.

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One of the Great Life Companies of the World

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GEO. N. BRADLEY, General Agent,

Bradford, N. Y.

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And then go to

BROWNELL BROTHERS,

Where you will find a carefully and well selected stock of

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,

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HATS, CAPS. BOOTS and SHOES.

AND A CHOICE LINE OF THE

FINEST GROCERIES

TO BE FOUND IN TOWN AT

ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES.

FURNITURE

You make no mistake in buying here. The stock is complete, and prices low.

CARPETS

An elegant assortment just received. Now is the time to secure best values. Remember our stock of wall paper contains all the latest patterns.

Main Street, Smethport. Specht & Sasse.

Forcible.

Some of the late Lord Randolph Churchill's friends once tried to have Lord Salisbury reinstate his erratic lieutenant. Salisbury listened to them patiently and then asked, "Have any of you ever had a carbuncle on the back of your neck?"

"No," was the reply.

"Well, I have," retorted his lordship, "and I don't want another."

The Color of the Eye.

The color of the iris is not uniform in any eye. Some eyes have spots, others stripes, still others blotches of white, green, blue, yellow and black, and the eye takes its color from the predominance of one hue. An eye that is considered gray will often be composed of black and yellow. An eye that is thought to be brown will be very dark red, with spots of yellow or blue.

There is a cave on the [illegible] Norway, from which [illegible] of the Western Rockies [illegible] sue

Character is perfectly well educated will.—Novalis.

A Bad Drink.

"The foreigners up in the coal regions," says a writer in the Philadelphia Record, "drink polinsky, and that's why so many stories of horrible crimes come from there. Polinsky is at the bottom of every riot and much murder. It is simply a mixture of beer and bad whisky, usually blended in a washtub and seasoned with spices. At every wedding, christening, wake or other gathering of a social nature there is always a tub of polinsky. In one hour all hands will be drunk, in two hours there will be a free fight, and, unless the police interfere, in three hours there will be a murder. In the more thickly populated communities the police try to break up these polinsky parties in their incipient stages, but they don't always succeed."

Desperate Resolution.

Rivers [illegible] a neck [illegible] he was [illegible]

Brooks What are you going to do with it

Rivers [illegible] putting [illegible] I am going to live it down.—Chicago Tribune.

It Would Be Suicide.

Mr. Frank—No, I won't take that horrible stuff.

Mrs. Frank—But the doctor ordered it.

Mr. Frank—I don't care. Why, that stuff would kill a mule.

Mrs. Frank—If you really think so, John, don't take it.—Philadelphia Press.

THAT ETERNAL ITCHING.

$5 for any case of Itching Piles, Ulcerated Piles, Barbers' Itch, Old Sores, or Eczema that cannot be cured with one box of DR. ZIGG'S SILVER LEAF OINTMENT. By mail 50 cents.

DR. ZIGG MEDICAL CO., Bradford, Pa

For sale by all druggists.

Brasted's Holday Sweets

Home Made Candy.

Redfield's Magazine

For March

Will be out on or about March the first.

Fine Illustrations. Entertaining Reading.

Sold by all Newsdealers.

This Magazine is being introduced throughout the county and subscriptions taken by Geo. D. Hyde.

5c the copy.

50c the year.

Scott F. Redfeld, Publisher,

Smethport, Pa.

AT COST.

GAS.
COAL
AND WOOD
HEATERS.

HORSE BLANKETS
AND ROBES.

KEROSENE LAMPS.

J. C. Hamlin.

SUN PROOF PAINT.

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Smethport, Thursday, Mch. 6, 1902.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—March came in with a lion like thunder storm.

—Wm. Monheimer has a new ad today. Anything in the clothing line can be found at "The Famous."

—Chas. Usher, operator of the linotype at Redfield's printery, has been suffering this week with an ulcerated tooth.

—M. S. Roach, a ball player of Renovo, well known in Smethport, will play next season with the Los Angeles, Cal., team.

—The Cameron County Press sent out a neat advertising device last week. It was highly illustrated in colors and bore the title, "Our Magazine."

—Our call for correspondents has brought forth good results, but there are a number of towns not yet represented and we would be pleased to hear from them.

—The P. & E. railroad ticket office at Kane was entered by burglars last Friday morning and the safe blown open. The robbers secured about $25 and departed leaving no clue to their identity.

—The reported murder of Bartholomew Sweeny and his daughter at Wilcox turned out to be untrue. The coroner's jury decided that the deaths were due to suffocation. A gas leak is supposed to be the cause.

—Algebra and Civil Government will receive special attention at the Clarion State Normal School this year. University graduates will teach these branches and tuition will be free to students intending to teach.

—The Ladies' Home Journal for April will contain the story of Helen Keller's life, written by herself. This girl is deaf, dumb and blind and the story of her remarkable career will make interesting reading.

—The Baptist congregation will tender a reception to Pastor and Mrs. Calvin Thursday, March 6th, at 7:30 p. m. in the church building. Rev. Dr. Hanna and others will speak. All friends of the church are invited to attend.

—There are a number of people on our mailing lists whose accounts are perfectly good, but who have acquired the habit of letting the printer wait. Our only remedy is to send such accounts to a collection agency and people must not be angry if they receive a notice from such a concern.

—Negotiations are pending to put on the Kinzua-Ridgway P. & N. train from Clermont to Marvindale and soon on to Ridgway. It is further stated that the road will be opened for travel between Smethport and St. Marys before the middle of next July.

—Frank and Daniel McCarty of Smethport have purchased the G. C. Hawley meat market on Honeoye street and taken possession. Both are practical men, the former having been employed in the market for some time. Their success is assured.—Oswayo Valley Mail.

—Judge Morrison informed the writer that the reporters had made a mistake in their reports of his lecture to the constables last week. He said that the matter in regard to liquor selling violations by drug stores was intended to apply to the whole county instead of Bradford city alone.

—Gus Cable of the Bradford Herald attended the press banquet recently held in New York city at which Prince Henry was a guest of honor, and tells about it in last week's Herald. Gus appeared to be greatly impressed with the quality and quantity of the champagne served on this festive occasion and expresses undisguised admiration for the Prince's capacity.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Youmans who for years have been among Westfield's most esteemed people moved to Smethport on Monday where they will reside in the future. They will be greatly missed in Westfield. Mr. Youmans has been agent for the Singer Sewing Machine company for years and is a thoroughly energetic and successful business man.—Westfield Free Press.

—The gentle breezes of spring remind us that Smethport is still without an opera house. There is hardly an enterprise that could be started in this town with surer prospects of success than a theater building and it is certainly up to some of our capitalists to make the investment. If the stock company idea is a dead issue there are a number of individual citizens who should look favorably upon this promising venture.

—Mr. John Youmans and family, formerly of Westfield, Pa., located in rooms over Wm. Hafner's store last week. Mr. Youmans has been in the employ of the Singer Manufacturing company for many years and is to look after their interests in this section of McKean county. Mr. Youmans has always stood first-class with both the company and its patrons wherever located and will undoubtedly represent their interests to the satisfaction of all concerned in his new field of labor.

POPPING THE QUESTION.

Curious Methods Which Prevail in Some Far Away Countries.

In Japan the [illegible] keeps a sharp watch over [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] ways of performing those [illegible] functions. Among Hindus it appears cakes are used as love letters. Inside the cake is a coin, which is baked in it. The cake is thing to the favored object of one's affections. The retention of the cake signifies acceptance, but if it is flung back with force it signifies rejection.

The Japanese lover wishing to make known the state of his feelings throws a bunch of pale plum flower buds into his loved one's litter as she enters it to go to a friend's wedding. If she tosses the blossoms lightly out, the suitor knows that he is rejected, but if she fastens them to her girdle it is "Oh, happiness!" with him.

In some parts of Spain the young peasant looks unutterable things, but never tries to speak until he has been accepted. The girl neither looks nor speaks, but she sees. Late in the evening the youth knocks at her father's door and asks for a gourd of water. It is of course given to him. Then comes the crisis. If he is invited to sit on a chair with a back to it he knows that the maiden favors his suit; if [illegible] he knows that it is all over. If he is asked to sit on a stool in front of the maiden he knows that he is accepted.

When the Dakota gets a message he walks to the house of his lady love and kicks at the door. The object of his visit is to let him know that he is not [illegible]. If she comes out to him she is willing to be his wife. If she remains within he knows that he is rejected.

AN ANECDOTE OF WHITMAN.

How the Poet Was Trying to Cheer Up a Friendless Boy.

[illegible] I found [illegible] I [illegible] I [illegible] I

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ADVERTISING RATES.

Display advertisements, ten cents per line for each insertion.

Local advertisements, five cents per line for each insertion.

Cards, not exceeding one inch, $5 per annum.

Notices of marriage and death notices inserted free.

Executors' and administrators' notices, $3 each.

Address all communications to

HARRY L. BACKUS,
Editor and Proprietor.

Smethport, Thursday, Mch. 6, 1902.

Announcements.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-nomination and re-election to the office of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

A. M. BOARDMAN.

Derrick City, Jan. 6, 1902.

EDITOR MINER: Please announce that I am a candidate for the office of Commissioner of McKean county, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

JOHN A. PETERSON

Bradford, Pa., Jan. 6, 1902.

EDITOR MINER: Please announce that I am a candidate for the office of Commissioner of McKean county, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

GEORGE GRIFFITHS.

Kane, Pa., Jan. 8, 1902.

EDITOR MINER: You will please announce that I am a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

JAMES K. SMITHPETER.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 9, 1902.

EDITOR MINER: Please announce that I am a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of McKean county, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

W. D. WALSH.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 20, 1902.

PROTHONOTARY.

EDITOR MINER: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Prothonotary of McKean county, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

WM. JAMES CLARKE.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 6, 1902.

EDITOR MINER: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Prothonotary of McKean county, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

S. I. BELL.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 6, 1902.

REGISTER, ETC.

EDITOR MINER: Please announce that I am a candidate for the office of Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court of McKean county, subject to decision of the Republican primaries.

JOHN B. EASTMAN.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 13, 1902.

RECORDER OF DEEDS.

EDITOR MINER: I hereby announce myself a candidate for Recorder of Deeds of McKean county, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

H. M. CHOATE.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 13, 1902.

EDITOR MINER: Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Recorder of Deeds of McKean county, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

H. WALKER.

Bradford, Pa., Jan. 18, 1902.

COUNTY.

EDITOR MINER: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of McKean county, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

CHAS. D. NASH.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 20, 1902.

EDITOR MINER: Please announce that I am a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of McKean county, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

J. M. MCELROY.

Bradford, Pa., Jan. 28, 1902.

EDITOR MINER: Please announce that I am a candidate for Representative in the General Assembly, subject to the rules governing the Republican primaries of McKean county.

JOHN W. CAMPBELL.

Kane, Pa., Jan. 27, 1902.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

EDITOR MINER:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of District Attorney of McKean county, subject to the action of the Republican primaries.

H. S. ROGERS.

Mt. Jewett, Pa., Jan. 27, 1902.

EDITOR MINER:—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for District Attorney of McKean County, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

JOHN P. MELVIN.

Bradford, Pa., Jan. 29, 1902.

CLERK OF COURTS.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for the office of Clerk of Courts, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

W. H. MORRISON.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 3, 1902.

AUDITOR.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for Auditor of McKean county, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

B. G. BAKER.

Port Allegany, Feb. 1, 1902.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for Auditor of McKean County, subject to the decision of the Republican party.

OSCAR ENGSTROM.

Smethport, Feb. 13, 1902

DELEGATES.

TO THE EDITOR:—Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate from this county to the next Republican State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

GEO. W. MITCHELL.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 21, 1902.

TO THE EDITOR:—Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate from this county to the next Republican State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

H. H. CLAPP-N.

Kane, Pa., Feb. 21, 1902.

TO THE EDITOR:—Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate from this county to the next Republican State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

F. P. SCHOONMAKER.

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 24, 1902.

At the meeting of the Republican County Committee held in Bradford Tuesday afternoon, Saturday, April 12, was selected as the date for holding the Republican primaries.

THE annual encampment of the G. A. R. under an agreement reached recently between the G. A. R. executive committee and a committee of Washington business men, will be held in that city during the first week in October. The citizens will give $10,000 for aid to needy veterans.

"The poor farm milk wagon has ceased making its trips to Commissioner Boardman's residence. The Democrat has stopped the milk leak, but there are several other holes that need plugging as soon as we get around to them."—McKean Democrat. Yes, the simon-pure spring article got to taking cold. Thos. F. Hodge's re-election threw a wet sack over it, as it did many others, a year ago this coming fall. The Democrat has barely closed its eyes. The poor farm milk wagon stops just the same as before and leaves buttermilk just as it used to do before the Democrat stopped the milk leak. The Democrat takes itself too seriously.

HON. T. F. RICHMOND has withdrawn from the Congressional race in this county, leaving at the present time, a clear field for Mr. Dresser. Mr. Richmond's reason for withdrawing is explained in a portion of his letter which follows: "I should very much like to see the Representative from this district come from McKean county, but I do not believe that we would advance our cause by a contest. I am very grateful for the many assurances of support I have received from all parts of the county, and am sure that my friends will approve my action under the circumstances."

Commissioner Boardman's Time.

In regard to the Democrat's calamity howl about Commissioner Boardman's time we wish to make a few remarks. The Democrat says special stress on the following days put in by Mr Boardman:

February 10, 1901, Sunday.
February 17, 1901, Sunday.
February 22, 1901, Washington Birthday.
May 30, 1901, Memorial Day.
June 23, 1901, Sunday.
July 4, 1901, Independence Day.
November 3, 1901, Sunday.
January 1, 1902, New Year's Day.

On Feb. 10, 1901, Mr. Boardman was in Port Allegany inspecting the printing of the ballots for the spring election.

On February 11, 1901, he was delivering the ballots. The law does not compel the commissioners to deliver them, but he is doing it, they save the county $50 or $75 each year. The costs to the county would be the same $600 if each ward of a town was compelled to come to the county seat for them.

On November 3, 1901, he was at the polls receiving ballots.

On June 23, 1901 we will venture the assertion that he had a sufficient reason for working.

On the other days above mentioned with the possible exception of July 4, the Democrat office was open for business and why should not the Commissioners do business on a legal holiday as well as the Democrat office. The volume of business is probably as great and just as important.

Unprecedented Movement of Homeseekers via the Nickel Plate.

Some startling [illegible] Nickel Plate road and its superior facilities and accommodations for homeseekers. [illegible] West are expected. It is certainly a wise and judicious move on the part of the Nickel Plate road, and has been [illegible] the first and third Tuesdays of each month, passing through Buffalo the first and third days of March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December, to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Portland, Ore., Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Victoria, Vancouver, Ashland, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Wenatchee, Ellensburg, Yakima, Puget Sound points, Lewiston, Idaho, Salt Lake City, Ogden, Butte, Helena, Anaconda, Missoula, Billings, Livingston, Gardiner, Cinnabar, Pocatello, Boise City, Nampa, Caldwell, Huntington, Baker City, La Grande, Pendleton, Portland, Ore.,

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO., Main Street. | F. G. LINDHOLM & CO., Smethport, Pa.

Novelties in Tailor-made Suits

A beautiful display of new styles for Spring.

Our first general display of Spring costumes begins Saturday. It is well worth seeing, for we are showing some of the most fetching designs from first class Designers. Each displaying an individuality which must prove interesting to well dressed women. The price range is from $10.00 to $30.00 and the values are distinctly superior throughout.

Two Special Bargains in Black Silk Waists

$3.85 This waist is made of good quality Taffeta Clusters of tucks and hem-stitching on front, back and sleeves.

$6.00 A guaranteed soft Taffeta Silk Waist cut in the most fashionable style with long front and low bust effect. Beautifully tucked and hem-stitched, trimmed with lace medallions.

Burma Challie

There's a fine display of new spring fabrics, all the more interesting because of the extraordinary low prices we place on them. One special will go on sale Saturday morning: 1,000 YARDS OF BURMAH CHALLIE AT 5 CENTS A YARD, in pink, light Blue and Black, suitable for waists and dresses. Always sold for 10c a yard. Now 5c.

Continuation Sale of White Goods and Embroideries

This sale has been on during the entire month of February and has been one of the greatest successes of our special sales. We are continually new patterns to our line of Embroideries and White Goods and shall continue to give our customers the benefit of the established low prices.

A New Feature in Our Carpet Department

ALL WOOL ART SQUARES	
3x4 yards	$8.50
3x4 yards	$6.50
GRANITE ART SQUARES	
3x4 yards	$4.00
3x4 yards	$3.00

On the second floor we are showing an extensive line of carpets in the newest designs for Spring. We invite your special attention to our new line of Pre-Brussels which for durability cannot be excelled. All carpets will be made free of charge.

Standard Patterns. Queen Quality Shoes.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.

Bargains in Stoves.

from now until March 15th, 1902, we will sell

Gas, Coal or Wood Stoves

at 1-4 off regular price. For instance

Triple Effect Gas Heater.	Reg. price	$18.00, less 1-4	$13.50.
Jowett Reflex "	" "	$18.00, less 1-4	$13.50
Detroit Jewell "	" "	$18.00, less 1-4	$13.50
Tri Process "	" "	$18.00, less 1-4	$13.50.

Remember that by another winter you will be required to use a Meter. Any one of the above Stoves will save its cost over other stoves in the less amount of gas used. If you don't need a Heater but will need one in the fall buy it NOW. It will pay you to carry it over the summer. These BARGAINS for cash only

Redfield's Hardware,

McKean County Miner

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Argument court next week.

—Republican primaries April 12.

—Many gas consumers are putting in meters.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McFall Sunday, a boy.

—A roller skating rink has been opened at Olean.

—Attend the entertainment at St. Elizabeth's church to-morrow night.

—Holmes & Gilfillan have a new ad to-day that will interest you. Read it.

—Mrs. S. S. Woodbury, milliner, of Bradford has a new ad to-day. Read it.

—Victor H. Brandt is reported to be quite ill at his home on East King street.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Young are rejoicing over the advent of a baby daughter which arrived Sunday.

—The members of the McKean County Underwriters' Association will meet in Smethport Saturday afternoon.

—The Port Allegany borough council very sensibly dismissed a petition for a curfew ordinance in that place recently.

—Redfield's Hardware has a new ad this week. Some great bargains in stoves are advertised. Don't fail to read it.

—A report from Corydon the first of the week said that town was completely submerged by the waters of the Allegheny river.

—Shillenn & Torrence, the popular tailors, have a new ad to-day in regard to spring styles. Read the ad and call and see them.

—A large number of members of the I. O. O. F. visited Hazelhurst last night and assisted in the foundation of a new lodge at that place.

—Miss Belle Crooke, graduate of Warner's Business College, Bradford, is employed by the Day Manufacturing Co., Lake View, N. Y.

—Galeton is experiencing a great religious revival. The Salvation Army has been conducting services in that place with the result that over two hundred converts have been received into the fold.

—Billy Jones and his bus load of mail were objects of great interest Tuesday. It was the first mail through on the Pennsylvania since Friday.

—Miss Jennie Mossman, a graduate of Warner's Business College, has a good position as stenographer and bookkeeper for B. S. Love & Co., Bradford.

—Prince Henry appears to be establishing a reputation as a good fellow. Smethport girls would probably describe him as "a good natured old slob."

—The residence of William Smith at Mt. Jewett was struck by lightning Saturday morning, setting fire to the building, in the garret. The blaze was extinguished with but slight loss.—Bradford Era.

—A family living in the vicinity of Jamestown, Pa., were poisoned recently from eating canned corned beef. The five members of the family were saved from death by the prompt actions of physicians.

—At evangelistic services at the Methodist church the Rev. H. C. Woods, Presiding Elder of the district, will preach Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Services begin at a quarter to eight o'clock.

—The members of the W. R. C. will serve a chicken supper in the hose house next Saturday evening, March 8, from 5 to 8 o'clock. Price 35 cents. The proceeds will be used in paying for a new flag to be presented to McKean Post 317, G. A. R.

—A gentleman who was obliged to walk over the Shawmut line from Larabee to Smethport informs us that the tracks were badly damaged by the flood; in some stretches being entirely washed out and seriously undermined in other places.

—Rev. Gaylard H. Patterson's subject for next Sunday morning at the Methodist church is, "He Saw Them Toiling." His evening subject is, "Reconciliation Through Christ." The Silver Bell quartette, male, will sing at the evening service.

George Douglass was arrested the first of the week, charged with complicity in the theft of oysters from the Dairy Kitchen cafe in Smethport several months ago. The man waived a hearing before 'Squire Knapp yesterday morning and furnished bail in the sum of $200 for his appearance at court.

In a letter from Fred M. Elsey, formerly of Smethport now located at Steubenville, Ohio, we learn that the young man is division engineer on the "Wabash" railroad. He says: "The Ohio river is very high here, within 6 feet of the high water mark of 1884."

—Chas. Taft, a well known newspaper man, recently committed suicide in Oil City by shooting. For a number of years he had been connected with Warren, Oil City and Pittsburg papers. During the Sibley Emery campaign he visited Smethport several times. Despondency caused him to fire the fatal shot.

—The passenger train on the B. R. & P. railroad was delayed for nearly two hours Tuesday morning by a freight wreck between Kinzua and Summit and Bradford. Many of the passengers became tired of waiting, walked over the mountain and boarded the train on the other side. Before doing so, however, they had the satisfaction of seeing the engineer and fireman of the freight train that caused the trouble receive a severe reprimand from the conductor.

The Executive Committee of the Republican organization of McKean county met in Smethport Saturday afternoon and decided that the primaries for the nomination of county officers will be held on Saturday, April 12, between the hours of 1 and 7 o'clock p. m. The committee also decided that the delegates to the county convention will be elected on the basis of one delegate for every fifty votes cast for Governor Stone in 1898, and one additional delegate for a fraction of twenty-five votes or more. The county convention will be held in the court house in Smethport on Monday, April 14, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for county offices.

—Mrs. John Hayes of Bradford, at a hearing before Alderman Osborne Tuesday afternoon, was held to court in the sum of $200 bail on a charge of shooting a revolver at her husband with intent to kill. The required amount was furnished and the defendant was released from custody. A second charge of surety of the peace was withdrawn.

—The condition of Mrs. James McKean, which has been alarming to the many friends of the lady at various times during the past week, is much improved at this writing and it is quite probable that the danger period is passed. It is with thankfulness that the public will receive the news of the ultimate recovery of this estimable woman.

—A moving picture entertainment will be given at St. Elizabeth's church to-morrow evening, March 7, entitled, "Dogma of the Faith, or the Catholic Doctrine Illustrated," in conjunction with "Joan of Arc," a grand spectacular production in twelve scenes. The entertainment comes highly recommended and should receive liberal patronage.

—Word was received in Kane yesterday morning that "Paddy" Maher, while working on an oil well in West Virginia had his leg so badly crushed by the bull wheel that it is feared amputation will be necessary. "Paddy" was at one time a popular ball player on the Smethport team and has many friends who will be grieved to hear of his misfortune.

—One day last week a young man employed at the Smethport glass works appeared before 'Squire Knapp and swore out a warrant for the arrest of a fellow workman, charging him with assault and battery. The complainant failed to show up at the hearing and the accused one was discharged. From all reports it is believed that the first mentioned young man received no more than his just deserts.

—A chewing gum manufacturing company this week made the MINER the magnificent offer of 100 sticks of their product if we would run a long poem describing the merits of the gum "for several weeks." One stick was sent in advance. We do not feel ourselves so deeply in the meshes of the deadly habit as to accept their liberal offer, but refer them to several editors in the county who are much given to "chewing the rag."

Sprunsky were sold last week by Holmes & Gilfillan.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. H. Chase came up from Eldred Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. H. Tookay of Kane was in Smethport yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Hungsville visited Bradford the first of the week.

Miss Mary Hilliard of Hazelhurst was visiting friends in town Saturday.

Mrs. W. P. Eckels of Kane was the guest of friends in town this week.

Mrs. J. E. Mundy visited her uncle, K. J. Coudy, in Port Allegany last week.

F. W. Lannstein, of Smethport, was a pleasant caller at this office Monday.—Kane Republican.

T. J. Gilbert, Roy Stark and Van Daly of the Redfield printery force, had business in Bradford last Saturday night.

Guy Mayo of Smethport was in town for a short time Wednesday, on his way to Emporium to attend to legal duties.—Eldred Eagle.

Mrs. Thos. McKean of Wilcox and Mrs. Henry Gallup of straight were in town this week, called here by the serious illness of Mrs. James McKean.

Mrs. Charles Stark of Smethport is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Titus on Pearl street. * * Gordon Stullbolme was in Smethport on business, yesterday.—Port Allegany Argus.

Mrs. E. B. McCoy returned Tuesday from a visit of several days duration with Smethport friends and relatives. * * C. E. Brown was in Smethport on business Thursday.—Mt. Jewett Herald.

Burgess H. G. Heath of Eldred was the guest of his brother, E. E. Heath, over Sunday. Hayes and Ivan contracted at Clermont for the Pond for some time and walked in Saturday. From the number of cigar stubs he saws he saw on the track we judge that it is lucky he got as far as Eldred when he did.

A. W. Boardman candidate for representative, H. M. Olmsted candidate for treasurer, W. R. Morrison candidate for clerk of the courts and John B. Eastman candidate for register of wills departed for Bradford Monday night. W. B. Curtis, candidate for prothonotary departed for the same place Tuesday morning.

Jury commissioners Walter Ostrander of Lafayette township and Wm. Bowker of Sergwell were in town Monday for the purpose of drawing juries for the April, May and June courts. Owing to the suspension of railway traffic in their neighborhoods, both gentlemen were obliged to make the trip to the county seat on foot.

Editor W. H. Baker of the Ridgway Advocate was a welcome caller at the Miner office on Friday last. He was accompanied by H. C. Terry of Pittsburg, sole agent for Babcock presses. This good newspaper of the press of that progressive city. Mr. Terry says he gets considerable trade in this section.

R. J. C. Neilson, E. C. Greene and Lyon C. L. Penn transacted business in Smethport on Saturday. Mr. Neilson was in Smethport on business Thursday. Mr. Penn was in Smethport on business Tuesday. Mr. Carlson of Smethport was through here on business on a train on Monday.—A. L. Gallup of Smethport, candidate for Sheriff, was in town this morning.—Mt. Jewett News.

Another Child Found on Track.

The remains of an infant child were found on Saturday night lying beside the railroad track of the B., R. & P. railroad about three miles above Howard Junction. The discovery was made by a track walker who reported it to Coroner Hall. The later investigated the matter, but could find no clue to identify the parents of the child. A few weeks ago another child was found under similar conditions in about the same place.—Bradford Star.

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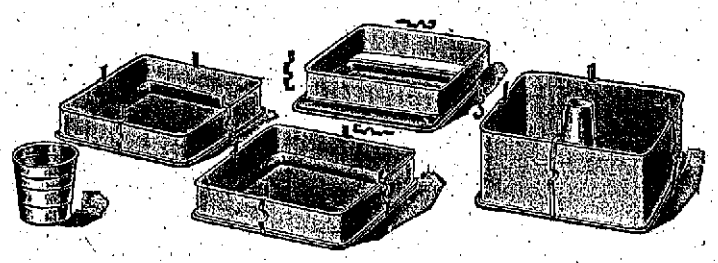

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Satire in Slang

TALE OF THE GUMPISH GEEZER WHO FINALLY MADE GOOD

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ONCE upon a time there lived in the town of Thomasville a geezer of the name of Dick Haskins.

In his childhood days Dick was unwillingly made the recipient of a kick from the aft hoof of a perturbed mule, in consequence whereof his mentality assumed the condition of debatable repair.

Dick's parents, being wise to the fact that he was not in immediate danger of coming into physical contact with marked success in any field of endeavor entailing the expenditure of a large amount of mental activity, decided that it would be well to permit him to pass up a college education.

As a sort of substitute he was planted in the village school, presided over by a [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] Haskins.

[illegible] of these [illegible] to try [illegible] the [illegible]

The first respectable position of the kind secured was that of errand boy of the pepsiface in which [illegible] and the young men and women in particular.

The enterprise proved unsuccessful for the reason that he could not resist the temptation to inspect the contents of all messages intrusted to him for delivery.

While none of his clients questioned that he was on the level, many of them, especially the young ladies, objected strenuously to the lack of privacy attending his employment.

Dissatisfied with the unappreciativeness of his patrons, the foghend retired from the messenger service business [illegible] by a [illegible] and secured the position of clerk in the village livery stable at a salary of three bones per week; but, owing to the fact that he was given to the habit of forgetting to feed the horses, he was unable to hold down the job and received the bounce after putting in one week.

His next position was that of first assistant in a butcher shop. His salary was $1.50 a week plus one-half of all dividends accruing from the sale of dog meat. His disregard for the scales, especially when waiting on ladies, rendered it necessary for his boss to choose between retiring from business and dispensing with the services of Dick. Being a guy of mercenary motives, he decided to let the gump have his walking papers.

The third position occupied by the erstwhile attache of the mentery was that of the ringer of the Baptist Church bell on the Sabbath for the purpose of announcing divine services. He was removed from office by a unanimous vote of the congregation for the reason that the bell rang whenever it occurred to Dick that it was up to the Thomasvillians to assemble.

Eliminating him from the forecasting department of the house of worship, Dick obtained the position of night watchman of a grain elevator. In attempting to acquaint himself with the inflammability of a quantity of kerosene kept on the premises for lighting purposes, he succeeded in negotiating a fire which completely destroyed the establishment. When the [illegible] was [illegible] by the [illegible] of [illegible] ness [illegible] for [illegible] in the [illegible] of a [illegible] Knickerbocker [illegible]

[illegible] was [illegible] to the [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] Dick, were considering the advisability of petitioning his parents to place his name upon the list of permanent guests of the county bughouse, but before the municipal entreaty could be made ready for presentation the erratic codger buckled on to the job of keeper of the Pike Toll Gate and made good.

Moral.—Every lock has a key.

Billy Burgundy

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HE WAS EXCUSED.

But the Talesman Curtailed His Excuse For Evading Jury Duty.

A young man whose [illegible] and flashing eyes betokened [illegible] was [illegible] before the court the other day for [illegible] duty. He immediately [illegible] [illegible] cused. When the judge asked him what excuse he had for not serving he replied:

"I believe it is a rule of the court that the jury is the sole judge of the facts and the court of the law, that the juror should only weigh the facts as presented by the evidence, not taking into consideration any of the rules of law governing the case, wherefore all lawyers are exempt from jury duty."

"But are you a lawyer?" asked the judge.

"No, but I have been a close student of the law for many years."

"I am afraid that I cannot excuse you if you are not a lawyer," said the court, smiling.

"But," continued the young man, with great earnestness, the color mounting to his temples, "I am sure if your honor knew as much law as I do your conscience would not allow you to serve on a jury."

After the bench and bar had recovered from this naive outburst the judge told the young man that if it was a matter which affected his conscience so deeply he would excuse him, and a very much crestfallen youth left the courtroom.—New York Times.

DOCTOR AND PATIENT.

It Is Not Always Profitable to Tell the Plain Truth.

As a rule you can never take a woman at her word. A Louisville woman and her husband went east for recreation. It was their intention to interview a leading physician before they came back in order to get his opinion of the wife's health. She had been far from well and nearly succumbed, but nothing would satisfy her but the verdict of this medical celebrity.

Accordingly husband and wife called by appointment upon this specialist. "Now, doctor," said the woman, "I want you to tell me the truth. I don't want you to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

BATTLE OF [illegible]

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FIRST FIGHT OF [illegible]

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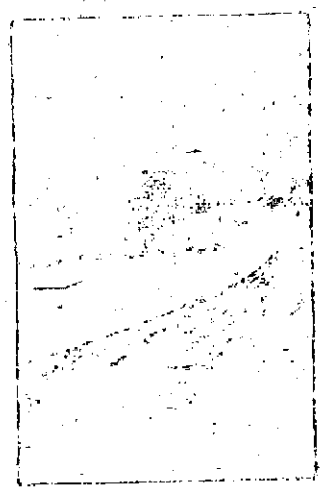

March 9, 1862, the Confederate New York dropped down the James River to the naval rendezvous at Fortress Monroe. With that despatch in her hull she was bound to Norfolk from the frozen north, the ice-fields of Lake Erie, swaying in the tides and the dangers of the burning Congress at the sky for miles, and the Roanoke, Minnesota and St. Lawrence were pecking the pests made in their wooden hulls by the shells of the Merrimac, which was only waiting for daylight to sally forth from her mooring and finish the fleet at one blow.

The orders were imperative to send the Monitor to Washington to defend the capital, and from the way the Merrimac had smashed things on her first attempt it looked like a hopeless case for the little black thing which resembled in comparison with the warships of the day a "tin can on a board" to go out against the monster ram. In the trip down from New York the Monitor people had discovered the weak points of their novel craft. The waves had flooded her hold, deluged her furnace room and coal bunkers, checking the fires and almost suffocating her crew with gas. She carried but two guns. Her ports could only be closed by cessation of firing. One shell in the gun chamber, the turret, would disable her fighting power, and her shots must be delivered at random or "on the fly" when the revolving turret brought the enemy opposite the gun port for an instant. Besides, the cannon were a new invention, and the powder charge was limited to fifteen pounds for a one hundred and eighty pound shot. On the other hand, the Merrimac had made a record and proved invulnerable.

But in spite of all the naval chief, who held the deciding card, concluded to cut red tape and send the floating experiment to the relief of the wooden ships down the channel. Already the Merrimac was closing in upon the Minnesota, which was helplessly aground. The pilot of the ram had promised to lay her within half a mile of the Minnesota, and the commander and crew were discounting their victory, which seemed a foregone result, when the little newsboy from the workshops of the Hudson bobbed into the arena and began pegging shots at the giant from a six hundred yard range.

The Roads was filled with spectators, for out of the thousands of soldiers and sailors who had been cooped up in the Hampton Roads forts for months not one had ever seen a shot fired in anger. Every point of vantage was occupied, and the Merrimac had no sooner steamed out of the mouth of the Elizabeth than the Monitor was seen coming down the James. The Merrimac headed for the stranger, and the Monitor, which was not prepared for battle, turned and ran up the river. So the first part of the second day of the fight was that she went back to her moorings with a few extra wounded men in her crew and the reputation of running from the smallest fighting ship afloat.

During the fight both the Merrimac and the Monitor tried ramming. The Monitor lightly dodged her antagonist and in turn just missed striking the Merrimac with her sharp end by a hair. Officers and men of both ships declared that the contest was not fought out. Those aboard the ram said that when the Monitor backed off, which was to replenish her ammunition and change commanders, they believed her out of the fight. Why they didn't go ahead and smash the remaining frigates close at hand, as they had done the Cumberland and Congress the day before, they never clearly explained. Admiral Buchanan, the commander of the Merrimac in the first day's fight, had been put ashore on account of a wound.

Worden and his crew were made the heroes of the hour. In the first fight between ironclads they held the field of battle and saw their foe beat a quiet retreat. Even admitting that it was a drawn battle, the future of naval science was decided in that short fight between experimental craft. The advantages of the pygmy Monitor lay in her revolving gun turret, with its inappreciable shield, her rapid movements and her low invulnerable deck. Her weaknesses were that the turret was not under complete control and her guns were not fully effective. All her shots were sent at random, never twice in the same place. She sank at sea off Hatteras in December, 1862, and the forlorn fight on March 9, which gave birth to the new American navy, was her first and her last. The Merrimac was repaired for service in James river and on May 11 was blown up to prevent capture.

GEORGE L. KILMER.

His Cross.

Wife—I've done nothing but practice economy ever since we were married!

Husband—And I've had to pay for it!

THE SINFUL BROTHER.

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A Boston

The Best Clear Ice.

To the question, "What is the best ice?" the answer is, "That which is made from pure water." Water is purified by freezing. Distilled water is the purest, but it is not necessary to distill water to make pure ice. Ice made from the water of a pure spring is as pure as distilled water. Most of the ice used in Boston comes from Lake Cochichewick, in Wilmington. The lake is fed by springs, and the ice is cut in the winter, when the water is at its purest. The ice is kept in a pen, where no one is allowed to walk on it, so that it may be kept free from snow or frost. They are thus kept, as it were, in cotton wool, and the men who cut the skin is of great value. They are then carefully killed and the skin dressed with the utmost skill. Sheep, deer and colts are also pressed into service for so called kid and doeskin gloves.

The Potato.

Humboldt says that at the time of the discovery of America the potato was cultivated in all the temperate parts of South America from Chile up the coast. The Spaniards first noticed it in Peru. The variety of potato cultivated in Europe and North America grows wild in Chile. Different species of the plant are found growing wild in most parts of South America and it is claimed by many botanists, in Mexico and Arizona.

Every Animal Is Fond of Bananas.

The leaves of the banana, often six feet long and two feet wide, are tender, and the strong winds of the tropics soon tear them in strips, thereby adding to their grace and beauty. The banana is a fruit that beast and bird, as well as man, are fond of, and the owner, when he lives in a sparsely settled country, must protect his plantation by a fence of some thorny plant.

The Main Point.

Mrs. Gatterson—You will come to dinner, anyway, Mr. Tutter, will you not, though I am afraid there will not be many interesting people present?

Tutter (gallantly)—What difference does that make? One is always sure of a good square meal at your house.—Harlem Life.

A Dangerous Tree.

Brown—Are you interested in genealogy? Ever looked up your ancestral tree?

Black—Never did. Fact is I'd be afraid there might be a man hanging from one of its branches.—Boston Transcript.

LOVE'S [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and Tony.

[illegible] was [illegible] a crumpled [illegible] the Democracy [illegible]

[illegible] while he was visiting [illegible] a Pawnee town and had promised to give an informal recitation to the townspeople the hour arrived, and his host did not appear. Several important personages assembled to accompany them to the hall, but the mayor remained invisible, busied with his toilet.

Finally, fearing the impatience of his guests, he opened the door of his chamber to apologize and showed his face covered with lather.

"Just a moment," said he; "I am finishing my shaving."

"Oh," said Jasmin, "let me help you."

He at once doffed his coat, gave a finishing touch to the razor and shaved the mayor in a twinkling with what he called his "head of velvet." In a few minutes he was in the hall receiving tumultuous applause for his splendid recitations.

From Medicine to the Drama.

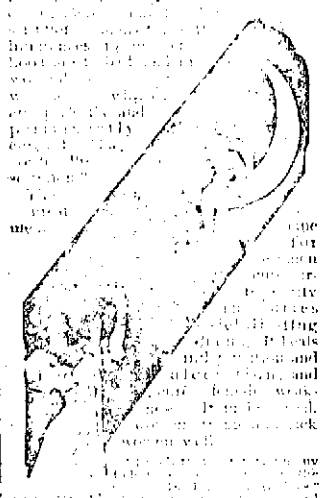
The earlier part of Victorien Sardou's career was beset with many trials and difficulties. His parents wished him to take up a medical career, and he began his studies with some zeal. The love of the drama, however, was far greater than the love of the pill box, and in the interval of the other work Sardou was busy upon a play. Life was a struggle for him, for he had little money, though he managed to get journalistic work to supplement his more slender income. His first play was a failure, and Sardou rushed from the theater vowing never to enter one again. He fell seriously ill, was nursed back to health by Mlle. de Brecourt, an actress who lived on a floor below, and from that time his fortune was made.

Experts In Chirography.

Barnes—So you are going upon the stage? Expect to become a great actor one of these days, I suppose?

Howes—Expect nothing! I want to learn to write as they do upon the stage when they have a letter to write. Jiminy! Stenography is nothing to it!—Boston Transcript.

"IMPOSSIBLE,"



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Fears here are no longer entertained in regard to our roads being impassable as we have a most able supervisor who always looks after everything.

The snow banks have been lowering very fast for the last few days and now the bare ground, geese and robins are making their appearance.

A successful term of dancing school at Dallas City is nearing a close under the instruction of J. F. Cawson one of our town people.

Too much praise cannot be given to our mail carriers, S. M. Henderson who, during the storm exerted every effort to obtain our mail.

The B. B. & K. railway had an accident last Saturday allowing a pass ager coach to get off the track. No one was hurt.

There was a surprise party at [illegible] house [illegible] Miss Lucia Lawson. [illegible]

[illegible] the Presbyterian Sunday [illegible]

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